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	Group Art Unit	3732
	Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
	Title	Surgical Instruments for Accessing and Stabilizing a Localized Portion of a Beating Heart

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 9, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.